



Hon. Pedro R. Pierluisi
One-Minute Speech
Health Care Reform
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Mr. Speaker: I rise in strong support of Congress's efforts to reform our nation's health care system. Too many Americans have no health insurance—or are a job loss away from losing their insurance—and reform will give them access to secure, affordable coverage.

The House bill will also benefit the vast majority of Americans who already have insurance. Your insurance company will no longer be able to deny you coverage or raise your rates because of a pre-existing condition. Your insurance company will no longer be able to drop or reduce your coverage when you get sick.

Mr. Speaker, I represent nearly four million U.S. citizens from Puerto Rico. My fellow delegates from the territories and I have fought to make certain that the House bill is fair to our constituents, who are no less American than their fellow citizens in the states and are no less deserving of care. Thanks to the determined efforts of our leadership, I am confident that the House bill will ensure that quality health coverage will be available for all Americans, whatever their financial means and wherever they happen to reside.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.